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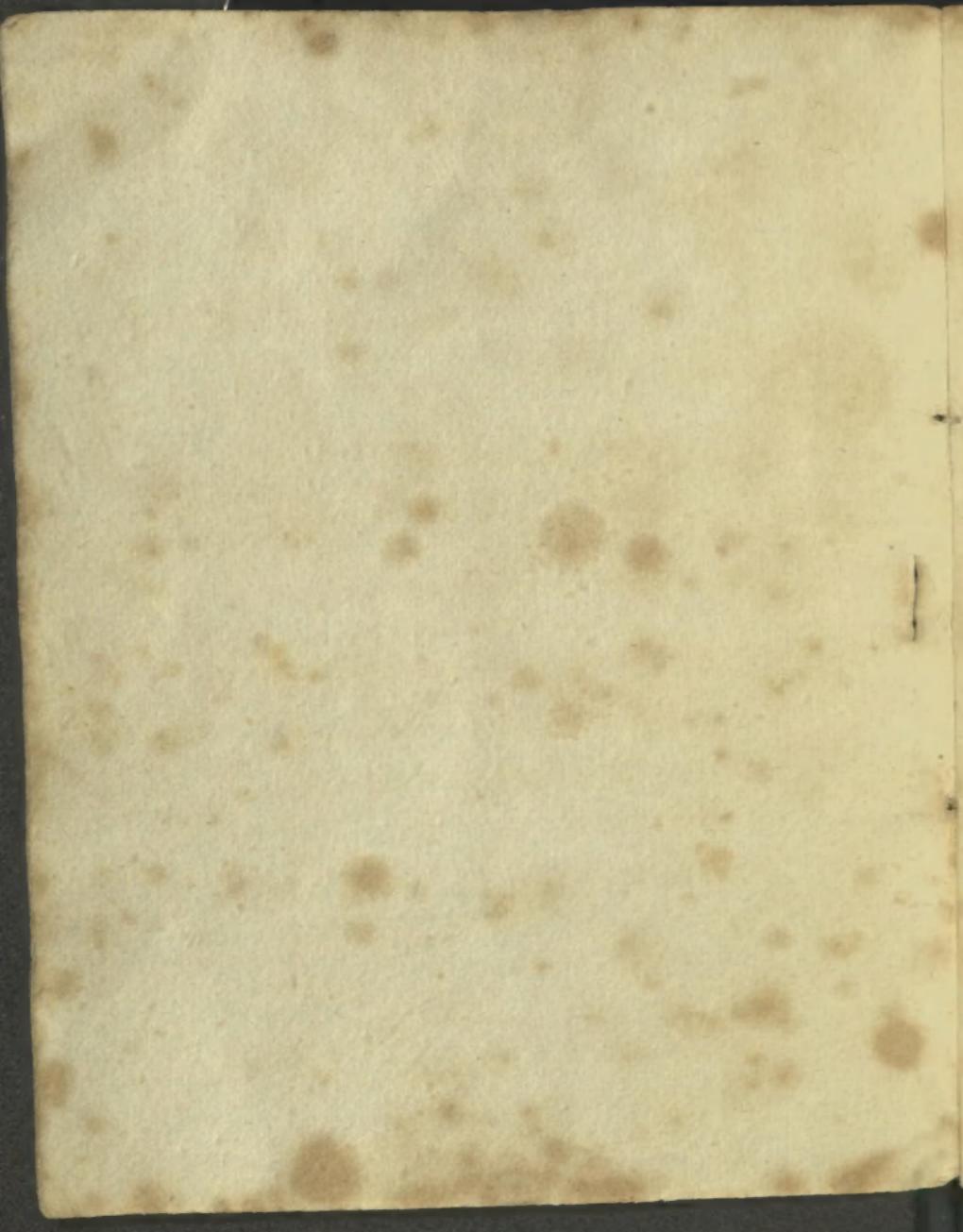
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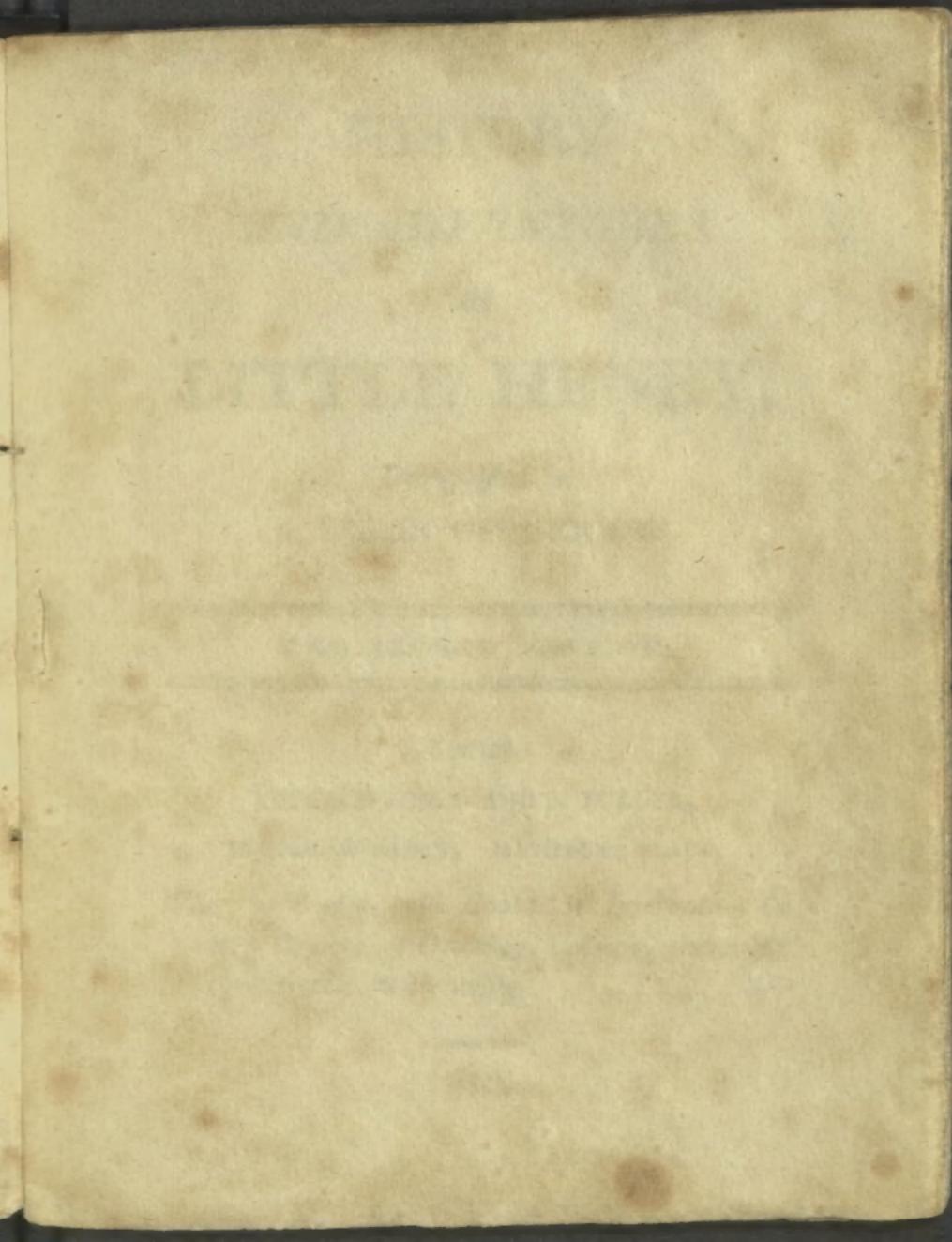
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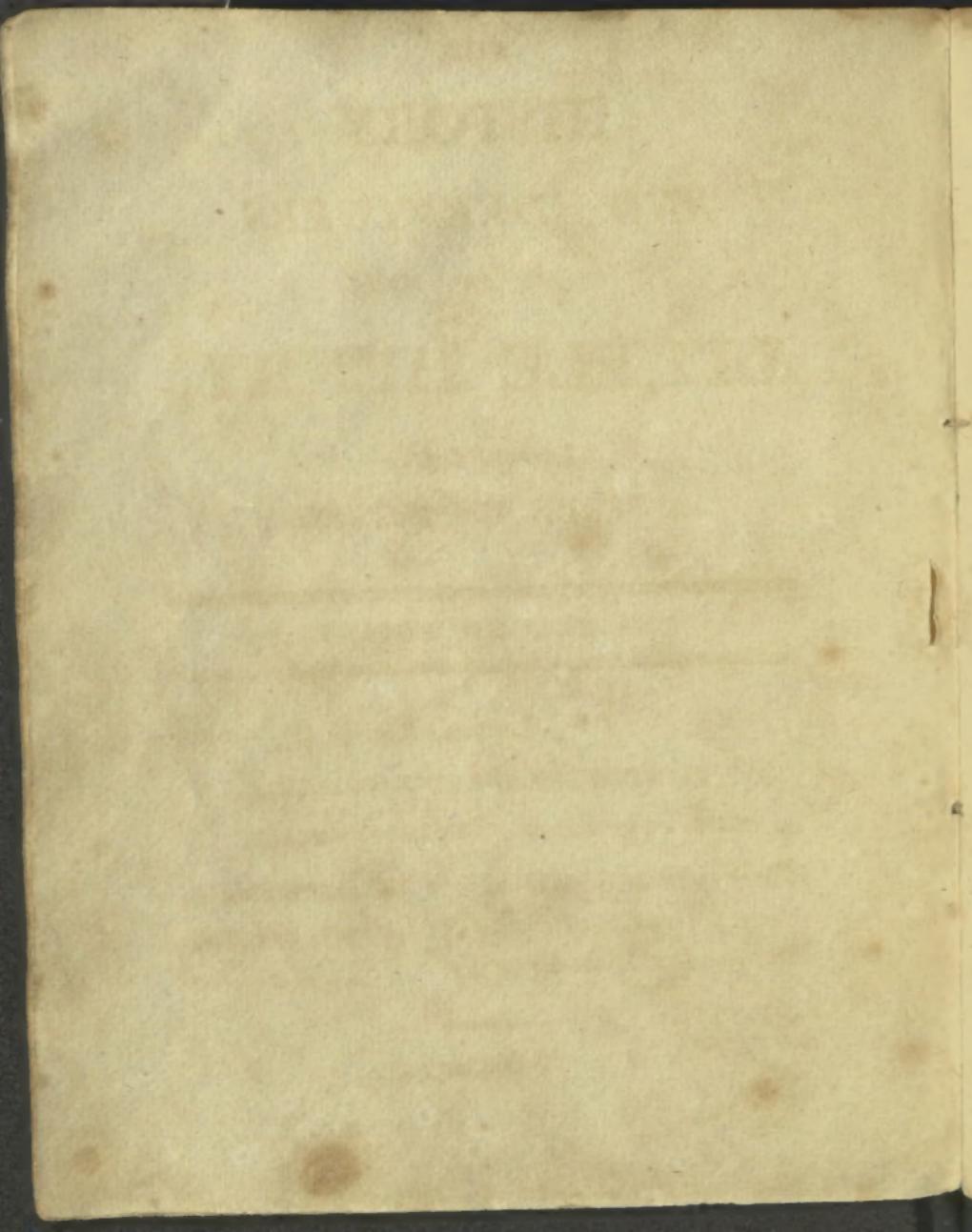
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*Henry, carelessly left by his nursery-maid, is stolen away by a gipsey.*

HENRY, a child of wealthy parents born,

Whose limbs and face the Graces did adorn,

An only child, its parents' daily boast,  
Was by its maid, its careless guardian,  
lost;

Which shews that nursery maids should  
well beware,  
And watch the jewel trusted to their  
care ;  
The nursery maid, to idle habits prone,  
Left on the grass the tender boy alone ;  
A gipsey, watchful of the careless maid,  
Stole to the grass plat where the child  
was laid ;  
In sweet seducing sounds the beldam  
spoke,  
Then rais'd the child and hid beneath  
her cloak ;  
Then off she runs, delighted with her  
prize,  
And stript it, spite of all its tender cries ;

Then clothes the pretty boy with rags  
obscene,

And hides the beauties of his form and  
mien.

The maid returning makes a piteous  
moan,

In vain, for Henry was for ever gone.—  
Now Mary, like one frantic, runs around,  
But, ah! poor Henry is not to be  
found;

She asks of every one, with sobs and  
tears,

But no dear Henry to her sight ap-  
pears;

Here, there, she runs, exclaiming loud  
and wild,

“ Who, who hath stol’n the little dar-  
ling child ? ”

But nought avail sad Mary's tears and  
sighs,

For Fate the treasure to her arms de-  
nies.

What must be done ? she dares not seek  
her home,

And tell the infant's most unlucky  
doom,

And say, " by my imprudence left alone,  
" Your darling child is lost !—for ever  
gone !"

No ; Mary conscious of her sad disgrace,  
Shedding most bitter tears, deserts her  
place ;

She roams, she knows not where, dis-  
dains relief,

And, broken hearted, dies of pungent  
grief !

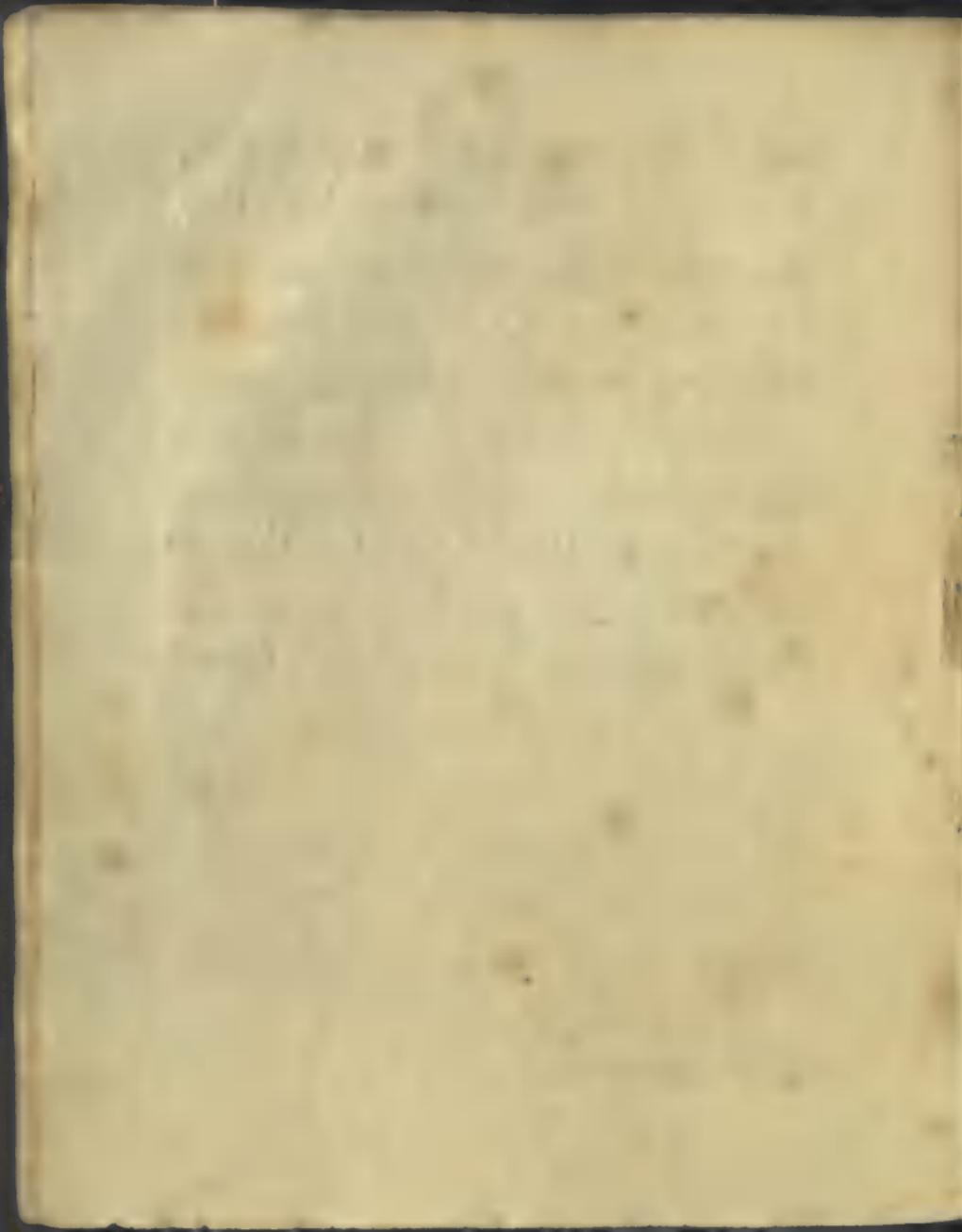
But now to Henry's parents let us turn,  
In deep distress, disconsolate they  
mourn,

By day they weep, in sighs they pass  
the night,

For what, alas! can yield their hearts  
delight.

In every street and town the child is  
cried,

But vain the search—discovery's denied.



*Henry becomes a beggar boy.*

See Henry breech'd, amidst the gipsey  
band,

Prepar'd to beg a living through the  
land;

The little urchin whines from door to  
door,

And tells a plaintive story o'er and o'er,  
Who gains compassion by his artless  
sighs,

And well his bag with meat and pence  
supplies.



*He is cruelly sold to a chimney sweeper*

No longer now the gipsies Henry keep  
But, wicked, sell him to a chimney  
sweep,

Who orders him to take the sooty sack,  
Then puts the dirty load upon his back ;  
Now up the chimney see poor Henry go,  
And wave his brush high o'er the mob  
below ;

The mob behold him on the chimney  
top,

And fear each moment that the boy will  
drop.

Now with superior skill he beats away  
His brush and shovel on the First of  
May;

In Portman Square a deal of fame acquires,

For Mistress Montague the youth admires.

But sick of scanty meals and frequent lashes,

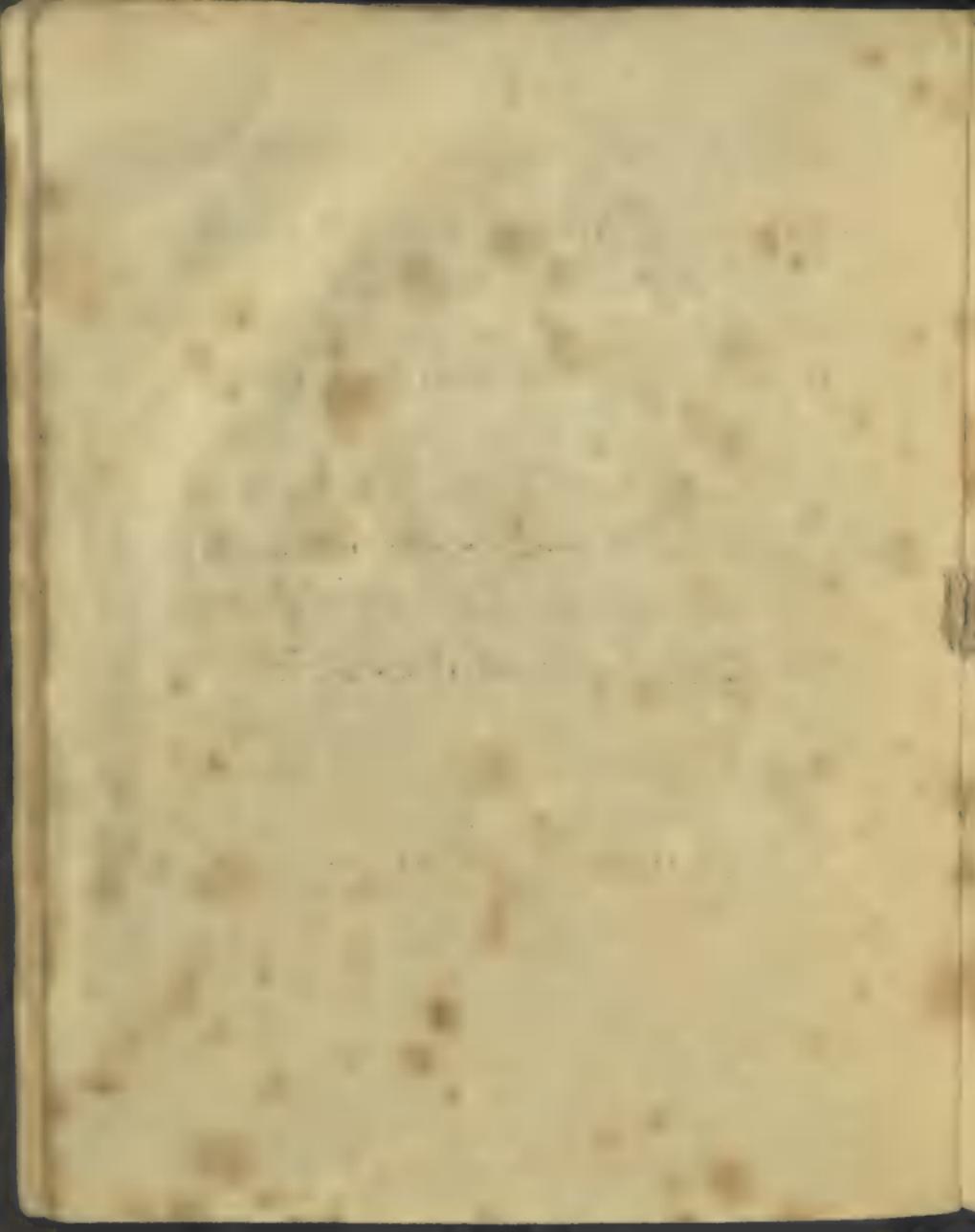
In quest of fortune off our hero dashes,  
Leaves brush and shovel, cinders, sack  
and soot,

And quits his tyrant with a nimble foot.

*He runs away from his hard task master  
and becomes a drummer.*

He now turns drummer to a soldier  
band,

And shews a great dexterity of hand,  
Oft mentioned by his major is his name,  
And great becomes his regimental fame ;  
But Henry now by brave ambition  
fir'd,  
With dub-a-dub and dull tattoo is tir'd.



*He quits the drum for a ship of war, and  
becomes a sailor.*

Yet still resolves with patriot ardour  
warm,

To save his country from a tyrant's arm,  
He hopes in time to raise a nation's  
wonder,

On Ocean's bosom 'midst the cannon's  
thunder ;

To Gallic territories to advance,  
Clip bold Napoleon's wings, and humble  
France.

Now, in blue jacket and trim trowsers  
drest,

Is Henry to his utmost wishes blest :  
In many a battle now the youth is seen,  
With fearless spirit, and with dauntless  
mien,

Heedless of every danger, wounds and  
scars,

He fills with admiration all the tars,  
Who clasp him in their arms and see  
display'd

A future NELSON in the gallant blade.

Lik'd by the captain, Henry soon with  
joy

Beholds himself a little cabin boy ;

Now to the wardroom oft the stripling  
goes,

And much of wit, and much of hu-  
mour shows ;

The officers attend him with delight,  
And wine and biscuit oft his fun requite.

*He obtains by his spirit the rank of mid-  
shipman.*

The captain marks the youthful hero's  
spirit,

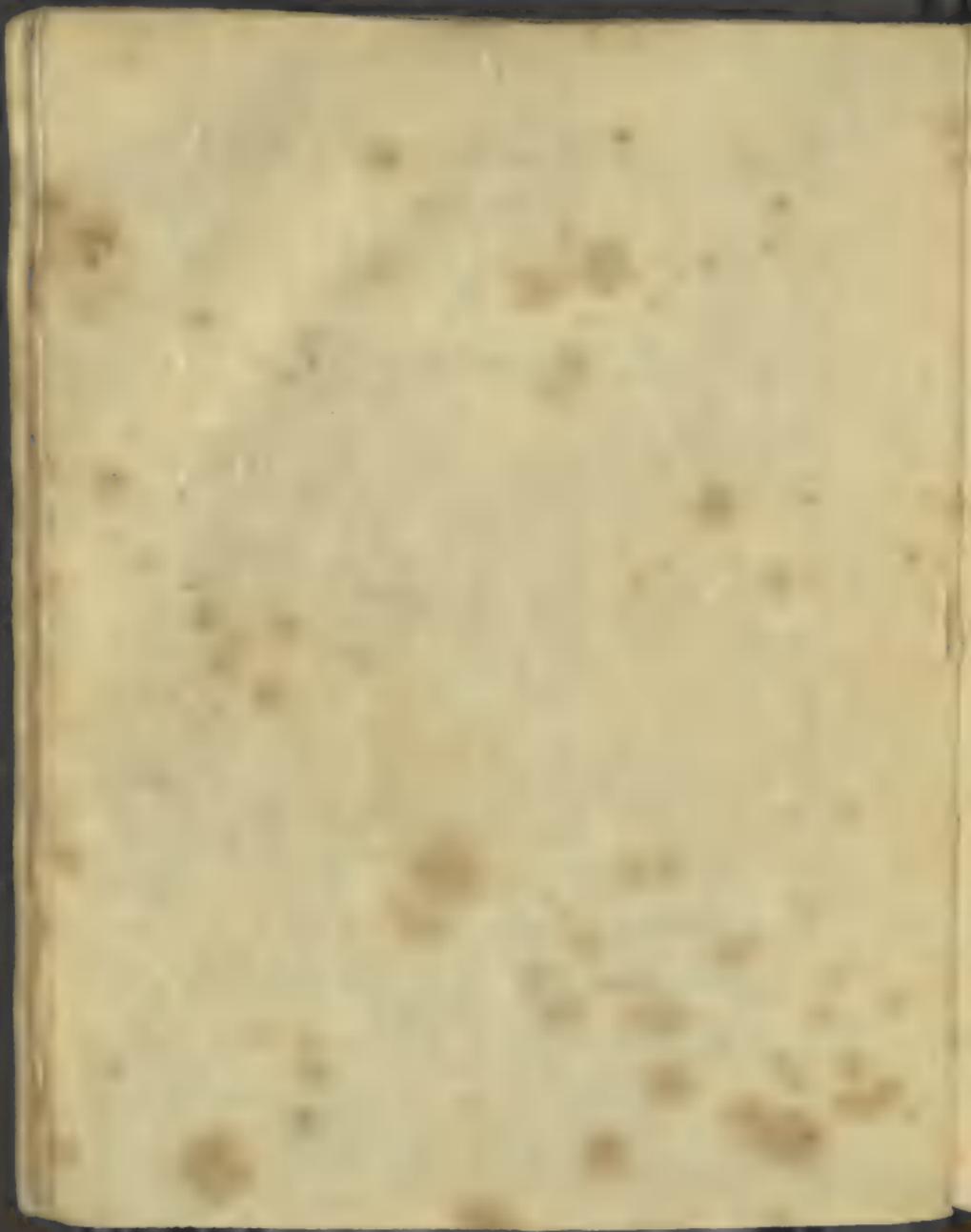
Makes him a midshipman—reward of  
merit;

Now on the quarter deck behold he  
stands,

Wields his rattan and issues his com-  
mands;

Yet strikes not wantonly an honest tar,  
Because his rank is higher in the war;  
The generous heart despairs to give a  
blow

Unmerited, to men, however low;  
The noble mind to merit opes the door,  
'Tis cowards only that insult the poor.



*He performs prodigies of bravery to the  
admiration of the whole crew.*

Increasing now in stature, strength, and  
age,

He leads the boats in battle to engage,  
And takes, in spite of all the thund'ring  
forts,

Ships with rich cargoes from the Gallic  
ports;

Thus loading, by achievements brave  
and bold,

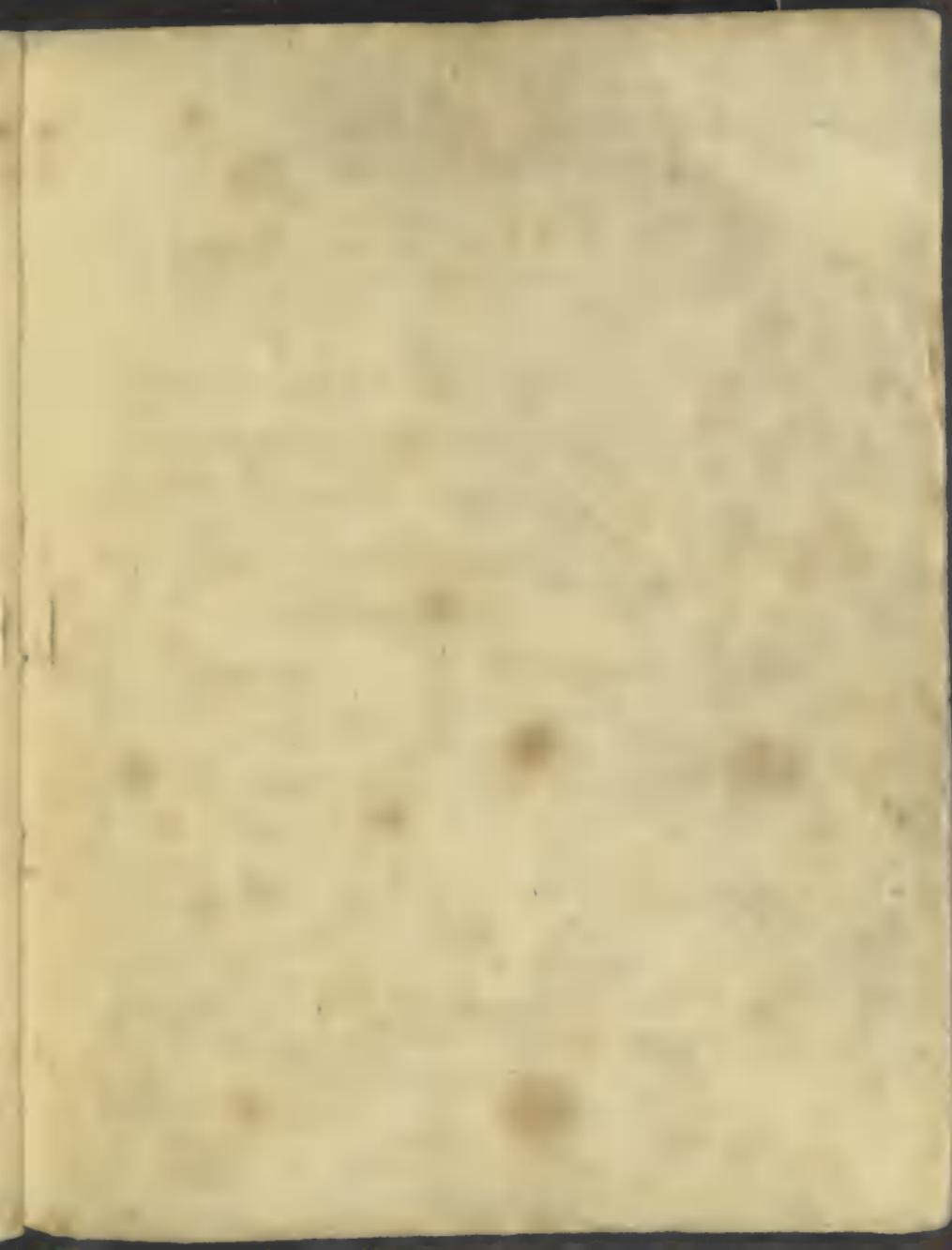
His brows with laurels, and his purse  
with gold.

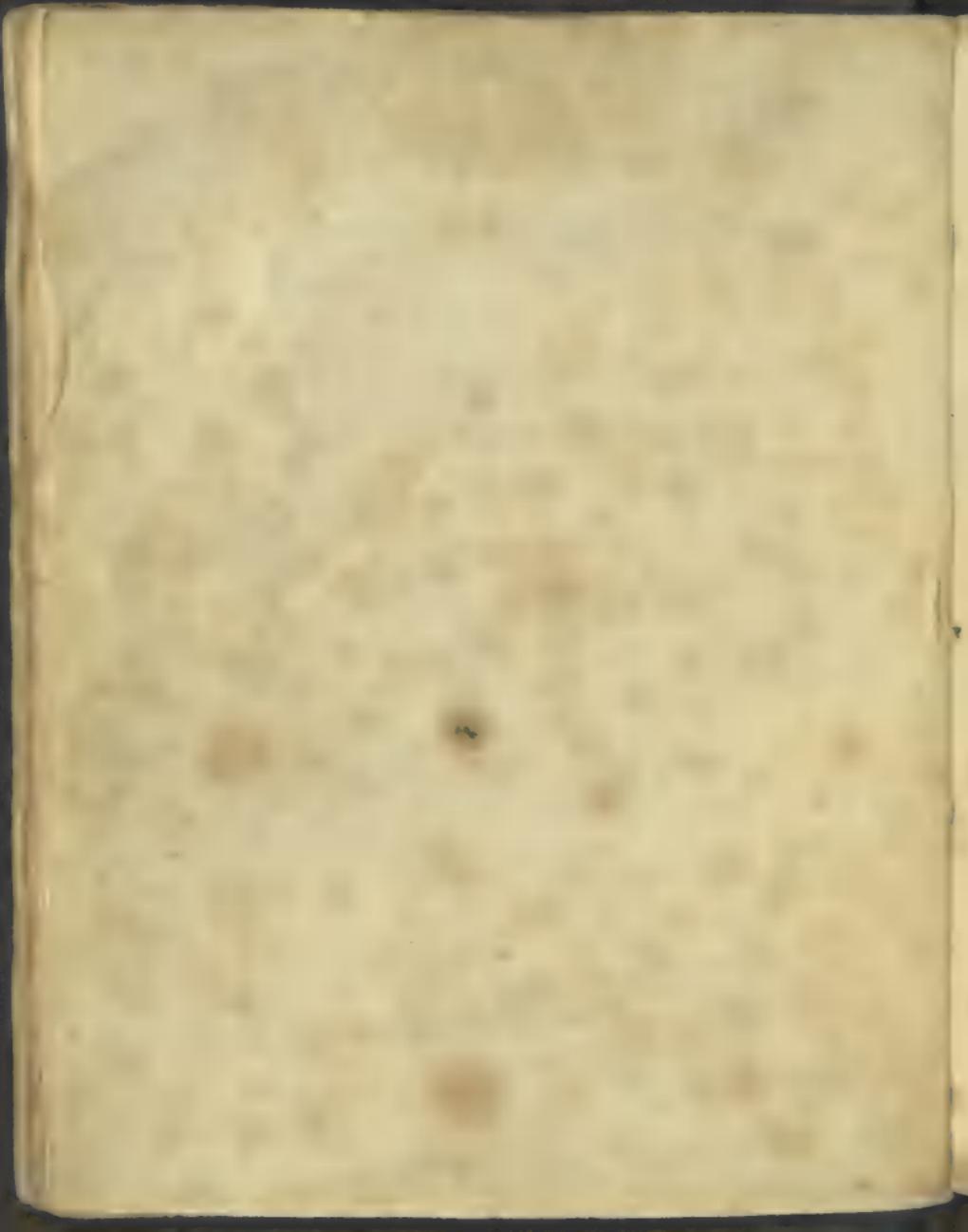
At last dame Fortune on his parents  
smiles,

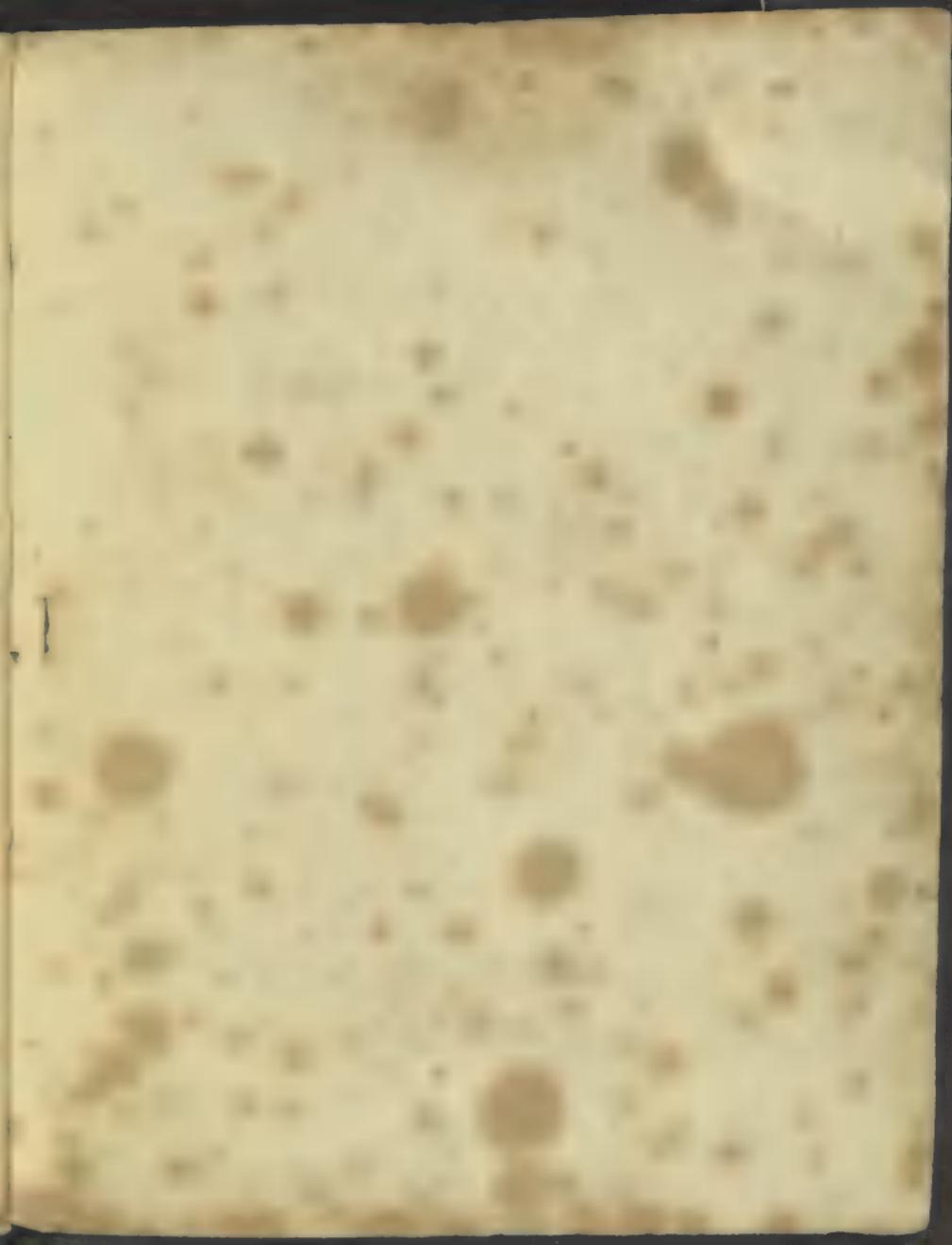
Who, after various cares and various  
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Find out the ship which Henry's talents  
grace,  
And once more hold him in their fond  
embrace.

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